

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF PUERTO RICO

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff

v.

CARLOS BEZA-GARI (03)

Defendant

CRIMINAL NO. 09-334 (PG)

AMENDED MAGISTRATE JUDGE'S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION
RE: AMENDMENT 782

This is an initial determination as to eligibility for the drug reduction amendment promulgated by the United States Sentencing Commission under Amendment 782 to Policy Statement § 1B1.10(d).

After careful review of the defendant's presentence report, charging document(s), plea agreement (if any), judgment and statement of reasons, I recommend as follows:

☒ The defendant is **not** eligible for a sentence reduction based on the following factor(s):

☐ A. The guidelines range that applied in this case was not determined under one of the guidelines affected by the amendment (2D1.1, 2D1.2, 2D1.5, 2D1.6, 2D1.8, 2D1.10, 2D1.11, and 2D1.14), or the drug guideline was initially used but a cross reference to other guideline was

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3 triggered, resulting in a total offense level determined
4 based on the cross referenced guideline.

5 [] B. The defendant was sentenced to a statutory
6 mandated minimum imprisonment term. The defendant
7 did not comply with the safety valve provisions and did
8 not receive a reduction of his or her imprisonment term
9 based on a departure for substantial assistance or a Rule
35 motion subsequent to the original sentence.

10 [x] C. The defendant's final and total base offense level
11 was derived from the career offender or the career criminal
12 guideline.

13 [] D. The base offense level was 43 or 38 based on
14 2D1.1(a)(1) or (2) as the defendant was convicted of a drug
15 violation and the offense of conviction established that death or
16 serious bodily injury resulted from the use of the substance and
the defendant committed the offense after one or more prior
17 convictions for a similar crime.

18 [] E. The base offense level was 12 or lower and the case
involved heroin, cocaine, cocaine base, PCP,
19 methamphetamine, amphetamine, LSD or fentanyl.

20 [] F. The base offense level was 8 or lower and the offense
21 involved flunitrazepam.

22 [] G. The base offense level was 6 or lower and the offense
23 involved marijuana, hashish, ketamine, Schedule I or II
24 Depressants, Schedule III Hydrocodone, Schedule III Substances
(other than Ketamine and Hydrocodone), Schedule IV Substances
25 (except flunitrazepam), or Schedule V Substances.

26 [] H. The Court determined the base offense level by using either
27 of the quantity tables at U.S.S.G. § 2D1.11 and the base offense level
28 was 12 or lower.

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4 Since a determination of ineligibility has been made, the matter is formally
5 submitted to the Presiding District Court Judge. The Federal Public Defender or
6 Defense Counsel has 10 days to object to the initial assessment of ineligibility.
7 After the 10-day period, and in the absence of an objection by defense counsel, the
8 Presiding District Court Judge may rule on the motion for reduction of sentence and
9 may adopt the recommendation of the Magistrate Judge.

10 [] The defendant **may be** eligible for a sentence reduction and therefore
11 the matter is referred to a United States District Judge. (The Presiding Judicial
12 Officer shall wait for the Parties' stipulation within 14 days, and if no stipulation is
13 reached within this term, to await for the United States Probation Office, the
14 Federal Public Defender and the Government's memoranda within 14 days
15 thereafter).

16 I therefore recommend that the motion for reduction of sentence (Docket
17 No. 135) not be considered by the Court since the defendant is a career offender.

18 At San Juan, Puerto Rico, this 2d day of November, 2015.

19 S/JUSTO ARENAS
20 United States Magistrate Judge
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